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GAP BETWEEN TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER VARIOUS RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been huge gap between the target set and achieved under various rural development schemes during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor State-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether the poor performance is due to poor planning and monitoring without realising the ground realities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to implement and monitor various centrally sponsored projects effectively ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a)to(d) The Ministry of Rural Development have set targets underthe (erstwhile) Employment Assurance Scheme, the Indira Awaas Yojana, the National Maternity Benefit Scheme, the National Old Age Pension Scheme, the Land Reforms and the Accelerated Rura Water Supply Programme which were implemented during the last three years. The targets set and achievements thereon under these Schemes during the last three years i.e. 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are given in the Statement at Annexure

The reasons for not achieving the target by some of the States are attributable to late release of State`s share, delayed submission of complete proposals for release of funds and under-utilisation of available funds.

The Ministry of Rural Development have initiated various steps to strengthen the Monitoring Mechanism, including Monitoring by External Agencies in selected districts of the country. Besides, the State Governments and UT Administrations have been advised to implement the Four Pronged Strategy comprising creation of awareness about the Schemes, transparency, peoples` participation and accountability-social audit through the Gram Sabhas to ensure achieving full targets with qualitative improvement in the implementation of Rural Development Programmes.